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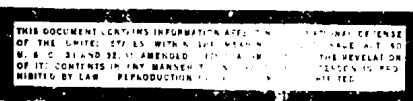
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LENINGRAD, BAKU ACTIVE
IN PETROLEUM MACHINERY PRODUCTION

[Numbers in parentheses refer to list of sources appended.]

There are 120 Leningrad enterprises which make equipment for the petroleum industry. Machine tools, precision-measuring instruments, electric motors, hoisting and transport equipment, and welding machinery go to the Urals, the Far East, to Central Asia, and other Soviet areas.

The Leningrad Excavator Plant has put out four huge excavators of the latest design, while the Machine-Tool Plant imeni Sverdlov has delivered eight modern universal grinders and duplicating milling machines. The "Sevkabel" Plant has already shipped 2.5 million meters of cable of various gauges, and the Sewing Plant of the Administration of Local Industry has sent workers 15,000 suits of heat-resistant clothing. Other suppliers include the Hoist and Transport Equipment Plant imeni S. M. Kirov, the "Gosmetr" Plant, and the "Kanat" Factory.

During the last 10 months the oil fields have received 1,200 pumping machines. (1)

In Baku, petroleum-machine building plants of the "Azneft'mash" Trust have completed the year plan and released 19.5 million rubles' worth of additional products. The Petroleum-Machine Building Plant imeni Lieutenant Schmidt leads, having exceeded, during the last 10 months, the plan for production of elevators, boring bars, wrenches, "Bakinets" units, and other equipment. (2) The Petroleum-Machine Building Plant imeni Dzerzhinskiy has built 460 deep-well pumps above its quota, and has boosted labor productivity 8-15 percent by nonstop shift turnover of steam hammers, machine tools, and tempering ovens. (3)

The "Bakinskiy Rabochiy" Plant, on the other hand, has been putting out faulty SKN-7 rocker pumps and deep-well pumps. (2)

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The Moscow "Borets" Plant, which has produced 15 new types of machines during the postwar period, including a powerful Diesel engine for drilling oil wells, high-duty compressors, and pumps for oil-piping stations (5), has distinguished itself by maintaining for the second successive year its lead in the all-Union socialist competition of petroleum-machine builders. The speed of its 1948 production rate was doubled during 1949, and the Five-Year Plan for volume production was fulfilled 17 October. (4) The plant recently assisted the Experimental Machinery Plant of the Scientific-Research Design Institute of Oil-Industry Machine Building in completing a new drill to be used in making bore pits and blast holes for rock-clearing. The drill will be mounted on a tractor produced at the Lipetsk Plant. (6)

The Novo-Krymatorsk Machine-Building Plant imeni Stalin is about to begin series production of a machine which removes water and salts from petroleum. Dozens of these machines have already been sent to Baku, Groznyy, Bashkir, and Central Asia petroleum fields. (7)

The Uralmash Plant in Sverdlovsk completed experimental work on the "Uralmash-2" heavy oil-drilling unit on 6 November (8). On 2 December, according to its director, Chumichev, the unit went into regular production. (9)

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